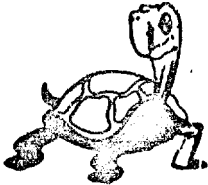


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Dear Angus:

I decided to poach a little on one of my other roles in life for this note -- therefore the CCA letterhead note paper.

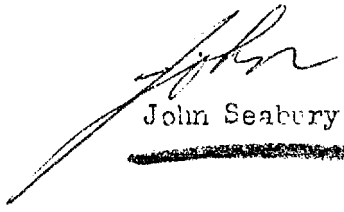
First of all, this Xerox of the Swarthmore Alumni Bulletin is only a temporary stand-in. I'll send you a proper copy as soon as I get more from the college.

You probably don't know how large a hand you played in this piece. You recognize, of course, that the title: "The Top Secret Slurry Caper" is yours. And you must realize that I had intended your latest memo, ending "put that in your canoe and paddle it!", as my closing note. Unfortunately, Mrs. Gillespie, the Editor, worked it into the fabric of the story, telling us that the Top Secret Slurry is now reforesting the strip mine areas .... Thus, we get the facts but none of the delightful flavor.

What you may not realize is that you saved this story from oblivion. Security found nothing of a security nature to disturb the Agency, but they didn't like the story. They felt, they said, that I was ridiculing the Agency, placing it in a bad light. Your first note of appreciation and pleasure in the story effectively counteracted this bit of stuffiness. And, as you know, I think I was praising, not ridiculing the Agency.

And so, my warmest thanks for your help and support. I hope the Caper gets a wider circulation soon.

Sincerely,

  
John Seabury Thomson